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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No.: **Olympus-13**

Appl. No.: **09/400,034**

Applicant: **Ralph K. ITO**

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Title: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PREPARING A FLUID SAMPLE
ALIQUOT**

TC/A.U.: **1723**

Examiner: **Matthew O. Savage**

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Okay,
MS.

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed on October 26, 2005 which set a period for response to expire on November 26, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.